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EMPORIA, KANSAS, WOMAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Shawnna Nicole Bailey**, 24, Emporia, Kansas, was sentenced on March 17, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Sam A. Crow to **30 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren stated that Bailey entered a guilty plea on December 3, 2003, to one count of **distributing methamphetamine.**

Melgren said that Bailey admitted at her plea that on June 24, 2003, during a drug investigation by the Emporia Police Department, she sold approximately 78.8 grams (approximately 2.78 ounces) of methamphetamine to an individual working for the police department. Bailey further admitted that when she was arrested, officers found the money used to purchase the methamphetamine in her purse.

Co-defendant **Javier Granado Aldrete, Jr.**, 23, Emporia, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on January 6, 2004, to one count of distributing methamphetamine. Aldrete faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for March 30, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Emporia Police Department in this investigation.